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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4 and 6 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Art Unit: 2655

In response to applicant's amendment dated November 23, 2005. The following action is taken:

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshida et al (5764610) in view of Ito et al (6243340)

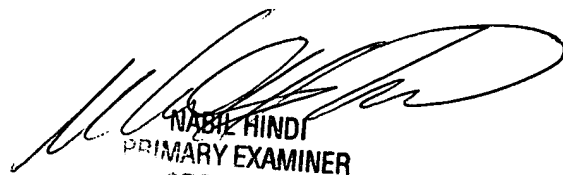
The examiner interprets the limitation "computer data" as any data recorded on a disk since data recorded on a disk is merely ones and zeros. The examiner further interprets the limitation as DVD-ROM of non-altered, non-erasable, and non-rewritable. The reference shows an optical disk distinguishing apparatus comprising: a directory information reading means for reading the disk type from the inherently present TOC information on the disk (steps 501-504), second determining means 8 for determining if "computer data" is recorded on the disk (the reference shows whether the DVD present is a DVD-R or a DVD ROM format as cited in steps 406 and 410. The apparatus having a disk rotational control 6, 13 and 14 based on the DVD type in addition to the CD types meeting the claimed invention. However the reference is not drawn to a DVD having a standard ISO9660 or UDF file. The secondary reference as shown in figs 8 and 10 shows the use of a directory files recorded in ISO9660 and/or UDF file for the purpose of having a versatile optical disk reading apparatus using a standard logical structure. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to

use the teachings of the secondary reference and modify the system of the primary reference. Such modification of using a UDF or ISO9660 format is merely a standard logical structure for recoding DVD data.

Claims 1,3 4, and 6 are allowed.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 2 and 5 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to NABIL Z. HINDI at telephone number (571) 272-7618.



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